

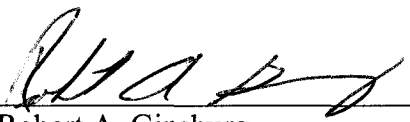
MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(8)

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D. and Members, Board of County Commissioners **DATE:** November 30, 2004

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney **SUBJECT:** Resolution directing County Manager to develop educational outreach for seniors concerning enrollment in drug discount card programs

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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11-30-04

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF COUNTYWIDE HEALTHCARE PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND TEAM METRO, TO DEVELOP AND PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH FOR SENIOR AND LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS CONCERNING ENROLLMENT INFORMATION ON EXISTING PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE AND DRUG DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, more than 182,000 senior citizens in Miami-Dade County over the age of 65 have a household income under 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one out of every five senior citizens takes at least five prescription medications a day; and

WHEREAS, expenditures by senior and low-income residents for prescription drugs are increasing at a faster rate than any other component in healthcare, thereby making the cost to seniors and low-income residents more expensive every year; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that educating seniors and low-income residents through an outreach program concerning enrollment information on existing prescription assistance and drug discount programs may reduce their pharmaceutical expenses; and

WHEREAS, such outreach would include distribution of brochures and training of staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby directs the County Manager, through the Office of Countywide Healthcare Planning, Department of Human Services, Communications Department and Team Metro, to educate seniors and low-income residents through an outreach program to be developed and promoted in English, Spanish

and Creole and in community newspapers regarding enrollment information on existing prescription assistance and drug discount card programs, including the distribution of brochures and the provision of train-the-trainer instruction in providing clients and community groups with guidance and referral to appropriate prescription assistance and drug discount programs; and to pursue the opportunity to videotape a SHINE or Florida Department of Elder Affairs speaker for subsequent viewing on Miami-Dade TV.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson

Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrian D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 30th day of November, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

ES/RAG

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Eugene Shy, Jr.